

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/c.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided and a record of votes taken.”

Thursday, December 15, 2011

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The special Board meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Dave Brink, Finance and Administration
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Brian Baugh, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin

NOT PRESENT:

Trustee Matthew P. Walsh (prior business commitment)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all"*.

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees paused for a moment of silence in memory of Kelli Joy O'Laughlin.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2012 (Ordinance #2011-7).

Approval of a Property Tax Extension Limitation Law Resolution (Resolution #R-12-11-1).

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer,

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Walsh

AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSISON AND A POSSIBLE VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE)

Mayor Andrews stated three separate ordinances are being presented for Board discussion and approval to exceed the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. The three questions in each ordinance will be placed on the March 20, 2012 Election ballot for voter consideration to allow the Village to raise \$350,000 in additional revenue from property taxes as discussed at the previous regular Board meeting. Mayor Andrews stated the final copy of each ordinance was reviewed and prepared by counsel and presented this evening.

A new section was added to each ordinance as follows: *"The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide to the Cook County Clerk with any such additional information and take any additional action as is necessary to comply with the statutes and/or road regulations of the State of Illinois and/or Cook County"*.

Mayor Andrews stated that the Board discussed at the meeting last week the intent of the three ordinances and specific numbers were inserted in each ordinance. He noted that supplemental language will also be provided to voters as required by statute.

1. An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Indian Head Park the Question Whether the Property Tax Extension Limitation of the Village be Increased. (**Ordinance #2011-8**).

The following question from Ordinance #2011-8 will appear on the March 20, 2012 election ballot:

Shall the extension limitation under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Village of Indian Head Park, Cook County Illinois be increased from the lessor of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index over the prior levy year to 41.2% per year for 2012?
Yes or No

The Village Clerk is directed to immediately certify the following supplemental information to the Cook County Clerk, such supplemental information to be printed on the ballot but not as part of the question submitted:

For the 2012 tax levy year the approximate amount of additional tax extendable against the property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$63.15.

Mayor Andrews stated the increase works out to be about 18 cents per day and it has been at least 18 years since the last property tax increase at the local level in Indian Head Park. Mayor Andrews stated if the increase is approved it amounts to about 1 cent per day for the last 18 years that residents had not been asked to pay.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve ***Ordinance #2011-8***, as amended. Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Walsh

2. An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Indian Head Park the Question Whether the Village Should be Authorized to Levy a Tax for Police Protection Purposes (***Ordinance #2011-9***).

Mayor Andrews stated the Board is asking for authority to levy a tax for police protection purposes which amounts to \$45.10 attributed to police protection.

The following question from Ordinance #2011-9 will appear on the March 20, 2012 election ballot:

Shall the Village of Indian Head Park, Cook County Illinois be authorized to levy a new rate for police protection purposes and have an additional tax of 0.137% of the equalized assessed value of taxable property therein extended for such purposes? Yes or No

The Village Clerk is directed to immediately certify the following supplemental information to the Cook County Clerk, such supplemental information to be printed on the ballot but not as part of the question submitted:

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$847,360 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$1,097,360.

(2) For the 2012 tax levy year the approximate amount of additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$45.10. Mayor Andrews stated that this amount is not in addition to the \$63.15 mentioned in the 1st ordinance but it is part of it.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve **Ordinance #2011-9**, as amended for police protection purposes. Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Walsh

3. An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Indian Head Park the Question Whether the Village Should be Authorized to Levy a Tax for Street and Bridge Purposes (**Ordinance #2011-10**).

Mayor Andrews stated the Board is asking for authority to levy a tax for street and bridge purposes which amounts to \$18.04 for streets and bridges. This is part of the \$63.15 and not in addition to it.

The following question from Ordinance #2011-10 will appear on the March 20, 2012 election ballot:

Shall the Village of Indian Head Park, Cook County Illinois be authorized to levy a new tax for street and bridge purposes and have an additional tax of 0.055% of the equalized assessed value of taxable property therein extended for such purposes?	Yes	or	No
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The Village Clerk is directed to immediately certify the following supplemental information to the Cook County Clerk, such supplemental information to be printed on the ballot but not as part of the question submitted:

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$847,360 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$947,360.

(2) For the 2012 tax levy year the approximate amount of additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$18.04.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve **Ordinance #2011-10**, as amended to levy a tax for street and bridge purposes. Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Walsh

Trustee Bermier mentioned a week ago one of the representatives from the General Assembly was at the school where she teaches talking to the students. Trustee Bermier stated she asked the representative from the General Assembly if there were plans to send the Village's share of funds for state shared revenues, the response was that it is not coming and that is the reason many Villages are struggling with revenues.

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tim Kyzivat, of 2 Stonehearth Lane, asked the Board to clarify how the property tax increase would be calculated. Mayor Andrews stated the formula was calculated for a property with a fair market value of \$100,000 and supplemental information is being provided as required by law. He noted the property tax increases as the fair market value increases and the amount specified is before any exemptions that might be applied to a property.

Mary Uhrina, of 6402 Arrowhead Court, asked should the property tax increase be passed, must the funds only be allocated for those specific purposes or can the funds be moved into any accounts for other purposes. Mayor Andrews stated the streets and bridges tax and police protection purposes tax is dependent on the \$350,000 total property tax increase in order to pass. He further stated the streets and bridges fund as well as police protection funds can only be used for those purposes.

Chris Metz, of 6403 Arrowhead Court, stated three ordinances are presented for approval to place those questions on the ballot and he asked why there is not one ordinance covering all three issues. Counsel Brian Baugh stated the Village is required to have three separate questions by Illinois State Statute to allow voters to cast their vote on each individual issue that is coming up. He noted that because Indian Head Park is not home rule, the Village is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) which restricts the increase in the levy year to year to the lessor of the Consumer Price Index or 5%. Counsel Baugh stated in order to exceed the levy, the Village must ask for a one year bump up in the levy on the first question that will be on the ballot for voter consideration. Because PTELL is in place, if the first question passes but the other two questions on the ballot do not pass, the Village would not be able to raise the additional \$350,000 in property tax revenue as presented that the Board decided it needs to run the Village and there would be no additional money coming in if all three questions do not pass.

Counsel Baugh stated that any money levied for streets and bridges or police protection purposes can only be used for those specific purposes and the money cannot be placed in the corporate funds for other purposes.

Mr. Metz stated that at the last meeting, the Board discussed \$150,000 was needed for police protection purposes, \$100,000 for streets and bridges and \$100,000 for debt payments. He asked where the money will come from to make the debt payments.

Mayor Andrews stated that the Village has levied for the corporate fund the amount up to the PTELL. Corporate fund revenues are currently paying for police services and other Village expenses, so money would be freed up in the corporate fund to allow the debt payments if the police protection levy is approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 5:50 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Village Clerk/Recording Secretary